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PARTLY CLOUDY
TODAY AND SATURDAY.
VARIABLE WINDS.

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SUITS WILL BE FILED SATURDAY

Impeachment Proceedings Will Be Begun by Two Complaints Against Mayor T. E. Knotts of Gary in Lake Circuit Court.

(By Staff Correspondent.)
Crown Point, Ind., March 4.—Two separate suits for impeachment against Thomas E. Knotts, mayor of Gary, will be filed in the Lake circuit court tomorrow at Crown Point.

The section under which the impeachment proceedings will be brought will be section 8594 Burns' R. S. 1908, wherein it is provided that a mayor may be impeached by indictment or affidavit for oppression, malconduct in office or malfeasance. Attorney G. M. Ballard, who is instituting one of the cases, will charge that his treatment at the hands of Knotts was both oppression and malconduct. It is likely that Attorney Bruce will file other charges seeking to impeach Knotts for alleged failure to enforce the laws, and malconduct in office, tomorrow.

Another case was filed in the circuit court today in which Guy M. Ballard is suing Eva M. Godwin for the restitution of premises from which Ballard was unlawfully and forcibly ejected. The plaintiff asks the court for \$2,000 damages for unlawful detention and damages suffered by the unlawful and forcible ejection. The complaint sets forth many sensational charges against the defendant. Ballard's attorneys are Lott and Ross of Hammond, Adrian C. Courtwright and Otto J. Bruce of Crown Point.

JOHN F. REILLEY IS EXALTED RULER

Elks Hold Their Election Last Night and Chose New Officers.

STOCK FOR BUILDING FUND

Is Liberally Subscribed By Various Members Of The Order.

At the meeting of the Elks last evening John F. Reilly was elected exalted ruler, D. C. Atkinson was elected esteemed leading knight, W. J. O'Rourke esteemed loyal knight and Dr. H. S. Sharrer esteemed lecturing knight.

Eric Lund was elected tyler, John D. Smalley, secretary, and Joseph Ruff, treasurer. Judge V. S. Reiter was elected trustee for three years. Thomas H. Jordan was elected representative to the grand lodge and John Gavitt was elected, alternative representative to the grand lodge. Dr. E. M. Shanklin was elected the installing officer.

After the election of officers Dave Lederer and Harvey Post were initiated into the order. Reports were heard from the chairmen of all of the committees.

The announcement was made that all of the arrangements have been perfected for the special train that is to take the Hammond delegation to the meeting of the grand lodge at Detroit.

During the evening a large amount of stock for the building of the new Elks' club house was subscribed, and the project to erect a fine new building seems assured.

While Attorney John F. Reilly has worked through all of the chairs to the point where he was the logical candidate for the office of exalted ruler, his work for the lodge has been greatly appreciated and his election is a tribute to his untiring effort to make a future for the Hammond Elks.

It is believed that under Mr. Reilly's leadership the club is looking forward to one of the most prosperous years in its history.

Dr. Fox Buys Machine.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Dr. F. H. Fox was reported to be the most recent purchaser of an automobile. His machine, a Maxwell runabout, was delivered by C. H. Stewart today. Mr. Stewart received another carload of the popular machines yesterday.

ADVERTISEMENT AND ADVERTISING AGENTS IN THE TIMES.

CRUMPACKER TO SEE PRES. TAFT

Washington, March 4.—Representative Crumpacker has an engagement with President Taft today for a long talk on the Indiana political situation. The president is taking a keen interest in Indiana political developments. He wants to do all he can in a manner consistent with his position, toward helping carry the state for the republicans.

The president is hopeful that Senator Beveridge will be returned to the senate. He is keeping closely informed as to the trend of affairs in Indiana, and it is expected that today's conference will go into every phase of the situation.

MRS. H. M. BICKNELL IS NOT ANY BETTER

Much Apprehension Evincing About Continued Illness of Hammond Lady.

Mrs. Nellie Kramer, the daughter of Mrs. Henry Bicknell of this city, who has been dangerously ill at her home on Rimbach avenue, arrived in Hammond from the south today so that she might be at her mother's bedside.

Today Mrs. Bicknell is reported to be no better. She is not able to take more than a few teaspoonful of nourishment at a time and is growing very weak.

While the family and friends are hoping Mrs. Bicknell will take a turn for the better, yet the doctor holds out no encouragement.

GIRL TELLS SHOCKING STORY

Joseph Kusina, Wealthy Standard District Saloon-keeper, Defendant in Criminal Action in Superior Court.

Annie Mueller, a pretty 15-year-old girl, living with her parents in the rear of Joseph Kusina's saloon, 954 Columbia avenue, was forced by Kusina, in the absence of her parents, to drink wine and champagne until she was drunk and was then brutally mistreated by Kusina, according to the complaint in a suit for damages that was filed in the Lake superior court. It is understood that criminal action will soon be begun against Kusina in addition to the civil action that has already been started.

The story in the complaint, stripped of most of the terrible details, does not reveal the deep-laid plot which little Annie Mueller believes Kusina deliberately planned for the purpose of ruining her.

Girl Only Fifteen.

Kusina, by the way, is a well-to-do saloonkeeper in the Standard district. He is said to have inherited a large amount of money from relatives in the old country. Shortly after his arrival here his wife got a divorce from him and since that time a housekeeper has been taking care of his apartments.

The complaint relates that Annie is a minor, 15 years of age, and the action is begun by Rudolph Mueller, her father. The alleged attack is said to have been committed on the 15th of February.

On this day the parents of the little girl left their quarters, which consist of a few rooms in the rear of the Columbia avenue saloon, and went to Chicago on some business for Kusina.

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DEATH OF J. STRATTON OCCURS AT HOSPITAL

John Stratton, 50 years old, 445 East State street, died this morning at St. Margaret's hospital, after having been confined to his bed for four months with cancer. Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have lived in Hammond for fourteen years. Mr. Stratton having had a tail or shop on South Hohman street.

The deceased was a member of the Royal League and his funeral next Sunday afternoon will be under the auspices of that order. Services will be held at the home at 2:30, the Rev. C. A. Smith of the Episcopal church conducting the funeral. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

OLD SLEUTH TOM GRANT LANDS MAN

Alleged Forger Who Victimimized Hobart People Located in West Virginia After Persistent Work on Part of County Official.

(BULLETIN.)
Crown Point, Ind., March 4.—William Denny pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery before Judge W. W. McMahon, was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to the penitentiary for two to fourteen years and disenfranchised for five years.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Crown Point, Ind., March 4.—Through a clever and shrewd piece of detective work on the part of Sheriff Grant and his deputies, William Denny, alias William Kenney, wanted in Lake county for forgery committed some six months ago, was located in West Virginia on Monday evening and is now locked behind the steel gates of the county jail awaiting his hearing, which takes place today.

Kenney, who went under other aliases than Denny, is a clever forger and all around crook, and the crime for which he is especially wanted in this vicinity is the passing of two forged checks last summer at Hobart, in which he signed Frank Peterson's name, a farmer residing near Hobart. Denny made a successful getaway before the forgery became known, and Sheriff Grant has been on the lookout for the clever crook since.

Has Criminal Record.

Denny's home is in Hellwood, Pa., which fact Grant learned by secretly securing a letter which Denny forgot to post previous to his flight. The Lake county sheriff with this information got busy and upon investigation found

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TEAMSTERS MUST TAKE WARNING

Warning notices that the police have given teamsters about hauling manure and offal in a covered wagon having been ineffective, Joseph Wall, a teamster for George Prohl of South Hammond, was arrested on the charge of violating the city ordinance. Prohl pleaded guilty for his hired man this morning in the city court and paid a dollar fine and costs.

Prohl was given the minimum sentence, but his case is only one of a series that the police may institute if the nuisance is not abated. The practice is particularly offensive now that the weather is opening up, and therefore the police intend to be all the more vigilant in this respect. The attitude of the police may not suit some of the big team owners around town, but the city ordinance is explicit, and as the public has a right to demand its enforcement, Chief Austgen will enforce it without playing favorites.

NEW CARS NOW MAKING THROUGH TRIPS

The new cars purchased by the Gary & Interurban line were put in service for the first time between Tolleston and Hammond yesterday. The new car made the trip without accident, and the officials of the road are hoping within a few days to lessen the running time and greatly improve the service between the two cities.

At Hammond a force of workmen are actively engaged in extending the line from Oakley avenue to Hohman street, the terminus of the road, and it is expected that by the end of another week through cars will be able to make the entire trip from North Broadway to Hohman street, Hammond. The officials of the road are giving the traveling public all that could be expected in the way of service at this time, and the business between the two points is increasing each day.

It is admitted by competitors that "The Free" is superior to their machine. A comparison side by side—point by point—forces such an admission.

JAMES HAD A BURNING THIRST

But the Hammond Police Gathered Him in Just the Same.

James Campbell, millwright of Gary, unable to withstand the horrible pangs of a dry town much longer, blew into Hammond bright and early this morning and loaded up sufficiently to last him as long as the proverbial camel. He will be arraigned on the charge of drunkenness as soon as his addled brain has cleared sufficiently to understand that, while this is a wet town, it is not a haven for intemperate imbibers.

SPEEDING ON STREETS MUST END

Autoists Given Warning by the Police of Hammond For the Last Time, and Chief Austgen Will Put a Stop to All Scorching.

Auto speeding and reckless driving on the street of Hammond, for which a large number of auto owners have a tendency now that the weather is again favorable for the machine owners, is a nuisance, and Chief Austgen and his department intend to check in its incipency.

There is plenty of evidence that Hammond is auto and speed mad, and while the offense might be pardonable in this exhilarating ride, some of the auto owners have already been warned that they will be taken as persistent offenders of the city ordinance.

Limit Is Ten Miles an Hour.

The city ordinance limits the speed of all vehicles to ten miles an hour, and violation of this may bring upon the offender's head a fine ranging from \$5 to \$50 in addition to the court costs. The ordinance gives the police department discretionary power in making arrests, they having to take into consideration whether an emergency exists or not.

Hammond has an exceptionally large number of automobiles for a city of its size, and with the numerous auto agencies that are now established in Hammond, together with many machines that come in from surrounding cities, the number of machines on the streets is a large one. On some of the side streets the speed limit is violated in a scandalous way and with the increased number of machines this year the nuisance will be worse than ever.

MILLERS IN DIVORCE COURTS

Pansy Alice Miller has brought an action against Samuel C. Miller through her attorney, Ralph W. Ross, by which she expects to secure a divorce.

They were married Dec. 13, 1904, and were separated on March 2, 1910. They have one child, Geneva Alberta Miller, who is four years and eight months old.

It is alleged that Miller is a habitual drunkard and that he is guilty of calling his wife names which are too indecent to be put into the complaint. It is alleged that it is not fit to have the custody of the child, and \$15 a month for the maintenance of the family and \$1,000 alimony is asked.

HECHT FILES A CROSS COMPLAINT

Attorney Milo Bruce, representing J. Hecht, today a cross-complaint in the divorce proceedings which were begun recently by his wife, Mrs. Maude Hecht. In his complaint the husband says that the marital troubles, extending over a period of two years, grew of the fact that he was opposed to the fact that his wife kept roomers. He says that he did not want to see the privacy of his home invaded by outsiders and that he earned sufficient money to keep his wife and himself according to their station in life.

Mr. Hecht is the head butcher in the Leimbach Bros. grocery and market.

CHECK FORGER IS CAPTURED

A clever check forger who attempted to operate in Hammond last week, but rather unsuccessfully because of the vigilance of the local police, has been apprehended in Mishawaka and the local police has been notified of the actions of the Mishawaka authorities. The check forger had procured a check signed by the treasurer of the Painters' union, evidently with the intention of forging the signature. When he discovered that the local police were on his trail he immediately left town. The description given by the Mishawaka authorities tallies with that which the local police had.

AUSTGEN DEPLORES LITTER ON STREETS

Suggests That Hammond at Least Have Refuse Boxes to Care for Waste Paper.

Why cannot the city of Hammond or the business district, at least, have refuse boxes to take care of all the waste paper which is otherwise permitted to litter up the streets?

The suggestion is made in the interests of a clean city, the latest one coming from Chief Austgen of the police department. Under the ordinances of the city the police must prohibit anybody from throwing waste paper in the streets, but the chief and his men are loathe to insist on the ordinance when the public has no place in which to throw its refuse. A man carrying a newspaper, for instance, for which he has absolutely no further use is compelled to carry it in his hands or pocket if he would obey the ordinance, whereas if a refuse box were placed on some of the principal corners he could relieve himself of his burden without violating the ordinance by throwing the paper into the gutter after he has secured himself from the policeman's eye on him.

City Should Provide Boxes.

Chief Austgen was of the opinion that some of the merchants could help out this city beautiful idea by exploiting the refuse box as an advertising means. While waste paper may not be mentioned specifically in the ordinance providing for the disposal of garbage, the spirit of the ordinance is nevertheless that no waste paper shall be thrown about promiscuously, and inasmuch as the city assumes and has the power to regulate, it would seem primarily incumbent upon the city to provide the refuse boxes. Until the city sees fit to provide this accommodation some public spirited citizens have earned the lasting gratitude of the lovers of a clean city by putting up the boxes.

ERROR IN "AD" CAUSES BOARD TO READVERTISE

The board of public works at its meeting this morning adopted resolutions, plans and specifications for the paving of Highland street, from Hohman street to the Erie tracks, and set March 21st as the day of remonstrance. There having been an inadvertent error in the advertising for a lead water pipe contract in Highland street a re-advertisement was ordered this morning.

The resolutions from the council providing for condemnation of an air-lay corner south of Indiana avenue and east of Calumet avenue, and for the placing of a light at the corner of Manila and Monroe street were taken under advisement.

The board will meet tomorrow to schedule all the city's property for the annual report.

New Draying Company.

Jordan & Dietrich is the firm name for a storage and van company which has been in business in Hammond for some time and which expects to branch out in the near future. The partners are Judge W. A. Jordan and Harry A. Dietrich, formerly in the furniture department of the Lion store. They are established in the building owned by Judge Jordan, on Fayette street, near Oakley avenue.

Upon the arrival of its wagon the company will have the only padded van in the region, and this alone ought to be a good advertisement. The company makes a specialty of repairing, upholstering and refinishing furniture, and also in repairing stoves. Another branch of the business is given to storage and moving.

The company begins its business in Hammond at an opportune time, as this is the season for moving.

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COL. MAYO GETS TART SCORING

Judge Peterson, in Circuit Court, Puts Quietus on Gary Man for Interrupting the Routine

RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES IN WRANGLE

When Emma Peterbaugh went before Ida Keeler, a dishwasher in one of the local restaurants, this morning and told her that she would sell Ida's best skirt, Ida knew Emma was bluffing and she called the bluff. This little bluff cost Emma twelve simoleans, all of which she paid without having received satisfaction.

It seems that Emma and Ida were bosom friends, even to the degree of loaning and borrowing money. Now, according to Emma, who is fair and fifty and unmarried by the way, she had made demands upon Ida for the amount that she loaned her, and gentle words having been unavailing, she resorted to a bluff. Going to Ida's place of employment, she approached her with a suitcase in hand and said: "I have your skirt in this satchel and unless you repay me I'll sell your skirt, see?" Ida saw and began to lay down the law to Emma as she knew it to be, and there ensued a conflict sufficiently unbecoming on the part of Emma at least, to warrant her arrest. She was arrested on two charges, that of disorderly conduct and larceny. She was convicted of the first charge, but inquiry into the evidence developed the fact that Emma had been, as aforesaid, bluffing. Ida's precious skirt was up

had left it this morning.

Emma named as the place of her residence the classic town of Loganport.

BAPTISTS LOSE THEIR BALL GAME

The Armour Square regulars, one of the best park fives in Chicago, defeated the Baptist Athletic League last night at the local gymnasium on States street by a score of 45 to 28, breaking the winning streak of the Hammond fives, this being their thirteenth game, which proved to be an unlucky number.

The Baptists played a good consistent game against the sturdy and more experienced players from Chicago, but they were handicapped by the fact that the regulars were out of their class. The regulars have a record which can easily stand alone. They have played the best park teams in Chicago and have come out on top in every contest.

It is not thought that the locals will arrange another game with the Chicago fives, as the latter five has had

experience, and their team work is perfect. Dempsey, center for the visitors, proved to be the star and his basketball play was superb.

Two more games have been scheduled for next week. The Baptists are arranging games with some of the best teams in Chicago, as they have played every thing in the region. The players will try to build up another record before the season closes and the defeat which was handed them last night did not interfere with any of their future plans.

Another game was played between the Baptists' second team and the Lewis second team of East Chicago as a preliminary to the big game the locals will play by a count of 29 to 8, at Armour Square.

Baptists.
Lapato r..... Wall
Bergner l..... Campbell
Dempsey c..... Hudson
Yunds f..... Buttner
McKee g..... Parker

Oral Arguments On.

The oral arguments in the case of the Mat Boney vs. Hammond Savings & Trust company are still being heard by Judge V. S. Reiter in the Lake superior court. The arguments will probably be completed by 5 o'clock this afternoon, and it is not known when the judge's decision will be made.

It has been looked for all day, and both sides have been waiting for a renewal of hostilities. The work on the building has been going on just the same, however, and now there is a concrete vault in the process of construction that will spoil the place for any thing but banking purposes.

ROGERS CASE GOES TO JURY

Defense Closes Its Case at Noon and Arguments and Instructions Follow.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Crown Point, Ind., March 4.—Arguments in the Rogers' bling-pig case in the Lake circuit court were concluded this afternoon, and after the jury had been instructed by Judge J. B. Peterson, the case was given to the jury. It is of course impossible to predict what the outcome of the case will be as the evidence is about the same taken all in all as was the evidence in the McBride case.

The reprimands issued by Judge Peterson yesterday had their effect on the principals in the case and the session this morning was very tame. John Priselac, the convicted bling-pig keeper, was the first witness on the stand. He was followed by Officer Mulcahey, Mayor Knotts and Clerk E. L. Shortridge. Nothing startling was brought out by any of these witnesses.

Damaging

Yesterday was the second day of the trial of Jim Rogers, the Gary "bling pig" keeper, and considerable testimony damaging to the defendant was brought out before Special Judge John B. Peterson. However, many of the witnesses seemed to want to protect the defendant, and the admissions of Chief Martin and others of the city administration weakened the defense.

After hearing the testimony all morning.

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POLICE FIND "JIMMY" AMONG STOLEN TOOLS

Motive of Robbery Was to Effect Entrance to Hammond Liquor House.

HENRY BECKMAN FINDS TOOLS

Presence of Officer Borchert Said to Have Had a Deterrent Effect.

The finding of a steel saw and an improvised "Jimmy," which were among the tools stolen from the blacksmith shop of Peterson & Monberg last week, furnished the police with evidence that the real motive in stealing the tools from the blacksmith shop was to effect an entrance into the Hammond liquor house, 81 State street. An attempt to saw the bars to one of the rear windows of this place, and the tools nearby under a porch substantiate this theory. The tools were found by Henry Beckman, who resides in a flat at 81 State street. Now that the evidence is pieced together the police feel satisfied that the burglars were driven away by Officer Borchert, who patrolled the alley on the night of the attempted burglary. He came across a man who appeared to be a Polish baker and who explained his mission in the alley, by claiming that he was in search of a bakery shop. There was no evidence against him at the time, but Officer Borchert, to be safe, took him to the police station, where he was released the following morning. His arrest on suspicion, it is thought, alarmed his "pal," who made his get away when he saw his "lookout" arrested.

Notice.

Royal League, Pioneer No. 38, all members are requested to attend a special meeting to be held at Ott & Towle's store, in the Hammond building, tonight at 7:30 p. m., to complete arrangements for our late Brother Stratton's funeral Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.